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Henry:

Attached are Johnson's comments on the Thai package prepared by Wayne. The key issue is the same this year as it was last -- "Do we want to have provided absolute assurance that we have done everything necessary to assure that the Thai would be in a position to meet the 300 sortie contingency should we have to ask them to do so." This is what doomed last year's package and was an overriding consideration. Granted this year it is not as important. The only real difference between this and the old offer is an increase in 480 which Johnson seems to think may be some problem.

If we have no problem with the key issue, I suggest we just move out and tell the bureaucracy to get with it.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

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Attachment

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